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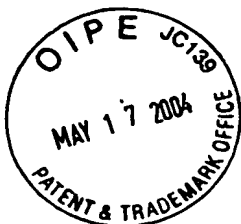
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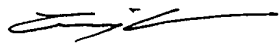
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United States Patent Documents

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	US-4,456,750	June 26, 1984	Marttala et al.	
	US- 5,944,953	August 31, 1999	Lavoie et al.	
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	US- 6,533,896	March 18, 2003	Tikka et al.	

Foreign Patent Documents

Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
Country Code - Document Number		
GB- 583,074	December 6, 1946	Ullman and English Cellulose Derivatives
GB- 1,366,252	September 11, 1974	Kilborn Engineering Ltd.
EP- 0 012 775 A1	July 9, 1980	Prior
EP- 0 364 632 A1	April 25, 1990	Imperial Chemical Industries PLC

MX- 165,091 (with English translation of the Specification and drawing text)	October 2, 1992	Cayo B. Rodriguez et al.
WO - 93/22490 (with English translation of the Specification and drawing text).	November 11, 1993	Gordon et al.

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